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SION OF DRAFT REPORT TO SUMMIT

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SUMMARY: IN A CHANGE OF SIGNALS, THE EWG CHAIRMAN MADE
A BRIEF RUN-THROUGH OF THAT SECTION OF THE DRAFT COMPRE-
HENSIVE REPORT DESIGNED TO GO TO THE SUMMIT. THE US REP
REPORTED THAT HE HAD ONLY ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE
GENERAL APPROACH TAKEN TO THE DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMS
(REFTEL) BUT WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION
ON A PERSONAL BASIS. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE
INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS (1 THROUGH 6) AND THE RECOMMEN-
DATIONS, WITH PRACTICALLY NONE ON THE PROGRAMS SECTION
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SINCE CAPITALS WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT SECTION IN
THE LIGHT OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE SUPPORTING ANNEXES.
ON APRIL 17 THE I.S. WILL CIRCULATE A REVISED DRAFT
FOR EWG DISCUSSION APRIL 21. THE CHAIRMAN MADE A
STRONG APPEAL, OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED PARTICULARLY AT THE US,
THAT NATIONS NOT COME IN AT, OR ON THE EVE OF, THE
APRIL 21 EWG MEETING WITH EXTENSIVE SECTIONS OF NEW

TEXT THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO A MAJOR REWRITE. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN A CHANGE IN SIGNALS, DN THE AFTERNOON OF THE SECOND DAY OF WHAT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE A ONE-DAY SESSION, THE EWG CHAIRMAN (DSYG PETRIGNANI) CONDUCTED A QUICK RUN-THROUGH OF THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE LTDP FOR HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, PP 3-16, AC/281(LTP)WP(78)2. THE US REP STATED THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS ONLY ON THE APPROACH TAKEN TO DISCUSSION OF PROGRAMS IN THE DRAFT, AND HAD INDICATED WASHINGTON'S CONCURRENCE IN THIS APPROACH IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT APRIL 13. HOWEVER, HE WAS PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A RUN-THROUGH DISCUSSION ON A PERSONAL BASIS. THERE WAS ALMOST NO DISCUSSION OF RTHE PARAGRAPHS 7 THROUGH 16 THAT ADDRESS PROGRAMS, AS THEY WILL NEED TO BE LOOKED AT IN THE LIGHT OF ACTION TAKEN EARLIER IN THE MEETING ON THE ANNEXES TO THE REPORT.

2. THE SHAPE REP (BGEN SCHWEITZER) REINFORCED A POINT MADE IN THE OPENING STATEMENT OF THE MC REP (LTGEN CANTLAY) THAT THE DRAFT REPORT CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION THAT NO MEANINGFUL NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE PLANNING HAD OCCURRED BEFORE MAY 1977. SUCH AN IMPRESSION COULD BE HURTFUL IF IT LED HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE THAT THE LTDP DID NOT PROCEED FROM A THOROUGHLY PREPARED BASE AND THEREFORE CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUIRED FURTHER STUDY. THE CHAIRMAN AGREED THAT THE I.S. WOULD MODIFY THE REPORT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THIS CONCERN.

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3. SEVERAL REPS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH PARAGRAPH 4 ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IMPLIED TOO MUCH INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS. THE US REP SAID HE DID NOT CONSIDER THE PARAGRAPH TOO BAD AS IT STOOD, AND THAT REDRAFTING SHOULD NOT TORPEDO THE NOTION THAT THE PROGRAMS ARE INTERRELATED. THE I.S. WILL TRY REDRAFTING TO ADD SOME SUPPLENESS WITHOUT UNDOING THE SENSE OF THE PARAGRAPH.

4. THE CHAIRMAN ACCEPTED THE REQUEST FROM THE CANADIAN REP (COL OLSON) TO PUT THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH 5, RELATIONSHIP WITH EAST-WEST STUDY, IN BRACKETS IN THE NEXT DRAFT. THE NETHERLANDS REP (WYNAENDTS) ASKED FOR A DUTCH BRACKET, WITHIN THE BRACKETED PARAGRAPH, AROUND THE LAST SENTENCE. THE CHAIRMAN REFUSED THIS REQUEST ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS, BUT ADDED THAT THE DRAFT E-W STUDY REPORT SUPPORTS THE LAST SENTENCE.

5. EWG REPS, INCLUDING THE US, GENERALLY VIEWED PARAGRAPH 6 ON COST IMPLICATIONS AS UNSATISFACTORY. WE EXPECT THE SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES (THOSE WITH EXPLICIT COST FIGURES) TO DISAPPEAR IN THE SECOND DRAFT. THE FRG REP (BGEN VON SANDRART) OBJECTED TO THE STATEMENT THAT ADJUSTMENTS IN NATIONAL MEDIUM-TERM PLANS "WILL" BE NECESSARY, SO THE RE-DRAFT WILL INDICATE THAT ADJUSTMENTS "MAY" BE NECESSARY.

6. THE ONLY SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROGRAM PARAGRAPHS CAME

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FROM THE DUTCH REP, WHO SUGGESTED THAT PARAGRAPHS 21 AND 23, ON THE OBJECTIVES OF AIR DEFENSE AND C3 RESPECTIVELY, NEEDED STRENGTHENING, AND FROM THE US REP WHO SAID THAT THE NOTION OF "COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS" SHOULD BE INSERTED AS OFTEN AS APPROPRIATE. THE US REP ADDED THAT HIS SUGGESTION APPLIED TO THE OPENING PARAGRAPHS AS WELL.

7. THE EWG AGREED TO DELETE RECOMMENDATION (E), CALLING ON HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT TO "ENDORSE THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING, AS APPROPRIATE, NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY," AND TO ADD A RECOMMENDATION ENDORSING THE NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE ALLIANCE LONG-TERM PLANNING.

8. IN A CONCLUDING STATEMENT, THE CHAIRMAN MADE A STRONG APPEAL, OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED PARTICULARLY AT THE UNITED STATES, THAT NATIONS NOT TABLE EXTENSIVE
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SECTIONS OF NEW TEXT AT OR ON THE EVE OF THE APRIL 21 MEETING OF THE EWG TO DISCUSS THE SECOND DRAFT. HE SAID THAT EWG REPS WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO AGREE, WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS, TO NEW TEXT THAT AMOUNTED TO A MAJOR REWRITE. IN SHORT, HE APPEALED TO REPS TO COME TO THE MEETING PREPARED TO WORK THE SECOND DRAFT, NOT TO TABLE SUBSTITUTE NATIONAL VERSIONS. COMMENT: AFTER THE MEETING, DSYG PETRIGNANI AND ASYG MUMFORD SOUGHT OUT THE US REP IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THE LATTER POINT. END COMMENT. GLITMAN

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